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Dear Jil:

On June 13-22, 2003, I conducted aerial surveys for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at 30 USDI Park Service sites in and around Washington, DC. I am pleased to report that no defoliation was detected at, or in the immediate vicinity of, any of the sites listed below.

Anacostia Park
Barnard Hill Park
Battery Kemble Park
Dumbarton Oaks Park
Ft. Bunker Hill Park
Ft. Chaplin Park
Ft. Dupont Park
Ft. Foote Park
Ft Mahan Park
Ft. Slocum Park
Ft. Totten Park
Ft. Washington Park
Glover Archbold Park
Great Falls (south end of C&O Canal)
Little Forest Park
Melvin Hazen Park
Meridian Hill Park
Montrose Park
Oxon Hill Farm
Oxon Run Parkway
Piscataway Park
Potomac Parkway
Rock Creek Park
Soapstone Valley Park
Suitland Parkway
Whitehaven Parkway

Although no defoliation was detected at Ft. Duncan, approximately 44 acres of moderate defoliation (31-60%) and 93 acres of heavy defoliation (61-100%) were detected in the vicinity (See Harper's Ferry report dated 7/14/03). This defoliation was caused by fall cankerworm, *Alsophila pometaria.*

No defoliation was detected at Greenbelt Park. The suppression project conducted on April 30, 2003, at Greenbelt Park using the biological insecticide Gypchek provided foliage protection for the entire 352 acre treatment area.

Approximately 3.6 acres of moderate defoliation were detected at the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, none of which was located within a treatment area (Figures 1 and 2). This defoliation was also caused by fall cankerworm.

We will be conducting gypsy moth egg mass surveys at Greenbelt Park and the Baltimore Washington Parkway this fall. I will coordinate this activity with you.

Please contact me at (304) 285-1555 if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey letter.

Sincerely,

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